

HOUSE RESOLUTION 141

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A RESOLUTION to honor retired Bristol Tennessee High School teacher, Frank "Doc" Maples for his outstanding career as an educator and for his continuing volunteer activity with the Bristol, Tennessee school system.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee are indeed fortunate that many outstanding persons who are dedicated and committed to the education and nurturing of our children have chosen careers in teaching in our public schools to realize their goals of positively influencing young lives; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary teacher is Mr. Frank "Doc" Maples, who retired from teaching at Bristol Tennessee High School in 2004 after more than 52 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maples was hired as a science teacher at Tennessee High School in 1951; well known by generations of students as a science teacher, he is better known for his caring concern for students and his support of "Viking" athletics; and

WHEREAS, a native of Alabama, Frank Maples attended college at Howard College, now a part of Samford University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree; while teaching at Tennessee High School, he earned a Master's degree from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, though now retired from teaching, "Doc" Maples is definitely not retired from involvement with the student population in Bristol; he continues to be well known for his support of Tennessee High School's athletic teams, is active in serving pre-game meals to THS athletes, and continues to be seen on the sidelines at every THS football game; and

WHEREAS, during his career, "Doc" Maples provided an endless supply of refreshments to athletes who signed letters of participation to colleges; he is an icon in the Arby's Classic

Hospitality Room and is an unofficial historian of Tennessee High School and a collector of its memorabilia; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body wish to seize this opportunity to specially recognize Frank “Doc” Maples, one of the most outstanding educators to have taught in the public schools of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the exemplary teaching career of Frank “Doc” Maples at Bristol Tennessee High School, thank him for the positive effect he has made on countless young lives, and praise him for his continuing involvement in the academic and athletic programs of the Bristol school system through his volunteer activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our support for the “Frank ‘Doc’ Maples Courtyard” project to create a garden area within the Tennessee High School grounds to honor Mr. Maples and to serve as an outdoor classroom and meeting location.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.